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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--SEPTEMBER 1992

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in September to a level of 141.3 (1982=84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in September, the CPI-U increased 3.0 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.2 percent in September prior to seasonal adjustment. The September 1992 CPI-W level of 139.1 was 2.9 percent higher than the index in September 1991.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in September, following an increase of 0.3 percent in August. The food index, which turned up sharply in August after declining slightly during the first 7 months of the year, rose 0.4 percent in September. A 3.2 percent increase in the index for fresh fruits and vegetables accounted for about three-fifths of the September food advance. The energy index was unchanged in September as declines in petroleum-based energy costs were offset by a 0.5 percent increase in charges for energy services. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent, the same as in each of the preceding 4 months.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Sep. '92	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. '92		
	Changes from preceding month										
	1992										
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.				
All items	.5	.2	.1	.3	.1	.3	.2	2.6	3.0		
Food and beverages	.5	.0	-.3	.1	-.1	.7	.4	4.4	1.9		
Housing	.4	.1	.1	.4	.1	.1	.1	1.2	2.7		
Apparel and upkeep	.6	-.7	.4	-.2	-.2	.0	.2	.3	1.5		
Transportation	.7	.5	.3	.5	.5	-.1	.0	1.6	2.4		
Medical care	.5	.5	.5	.4	.5	.4	.5	6.0	7.0		
Entertainment	.4	.6	.0	.0	.3	.1	.4	3.4	2.1		
Other goods and services	.5	.7	.7	.2	.4	.7	.5	6.7	6.4		
Special indexes:											
Energy	.6	.4	.6	2.0	.3	-.2	.0	.4	2.2		
Food	.5	-.1	-.4	.1	-.1	.9	.4	4.7	1.8		
All items less food and energy	.5	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.5	3.3		

Consumer prices rose at a 2.6 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) in the third quarter of 1992. This compares with increases of 3.5 and 2.6 percent in the first and second quarters, respectively, and brings the year-to-date annual rate to 2.9 percent. Small increases in the food and energy components--each up at a 1.7 percent annual rate thus far in 1992--continued to be a moderating influence on the overall CPI. While nearly all of the major food groups have contributed to the moderation during the last 2 years, the most significant factor in the slowdown in food prices has been the decline in meat prices--down 2.1 percent in 1991 and 0.7 percent at an annual rate in 1992. The energy index, which declined 7.4 percent in 1991 after advancing sharply in 1990, following the invasion of Kuwait, has risen slowly in 1992. Petroleum-based energy costs have advanced at a 1.5 percent annual rate and energy services at a 1.8 percent rate in 1992.

The change in the index for all items less food and energy has continued to slow since 1990. The 3.3 percent rate in the first 9 months of 1992, if maintained, would be the smallest increase in this component since 1972. While the moderation since 1990 has been broad-based, the deceleration in shelter costs--up at a 2.7 percent annual rate in 1992--has been particularly notable.

	Percent changes 12 months ended in December								SAAR 9 months ended in September
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
All Items	3.9	3.8	1.1	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9
Food and beverages	3.8	2.8	3.7	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.7
Housing	4.3	4.3	1.7	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.5
Apparel and upkeep	2.0	2.8	.9	4.8	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	2.6
Transportation	3.1	2.6	-5.9	6.1	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	2.6
Medical care	6.1	6.8	7.7	5.8	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.8
Entertainment	4.2	3.1	3.4	4.0	4.6	5.1	4.3	3.9	3.2
Other goods and services	6.0	6.3	5.5	6.1	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.1
Special indexes:									
Energy	.2	1.8	-19.7	8.2	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	1.7
Food	3.8	2.6	3.8	3.5	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.7
All Items less food and energy	4.7	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3

The food and beverage index increased 0.4 percent in September. Grocery store food prices rose 0.6 percent, following a 1.3 percent advance in August. For the second consecutive month, a sharp jump in fresh fruit and vegetable prices was largely responsible for the increase. After declining 9.7 percent during the first 7 months of the year, fresh fruit and vegetable prices have increased 12.1 percent in the past 2 months. Rising meat prices have also contributed to the upturn in the food index. However, despite the increases of 0.5 and 0.4 percent in August and September, respectively, meat prices remain lower than at the end of last year, or even 1990. In September, each of the other three major grocery store food groups--cereal and bakery products, dairy products, and other food at home--decelerated. The 0.3 percent drop in the index for cereal and bakery products was its first decline in 1992 and brings the year-to-date annual rate to 4.7 percent, still the highest among the major grocery store food groups. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.1 and 0.3 percent, respectively, in September.

The housing index rose 0.1 percent in September, the same as in each of the 2 preceding months. Shelter costs were unchanged in September. Within shelter, increases in renters' costs and maintenance and repairs costs--up 0.5 and 0.3 percent, respectively--were offset by a 0.1 percent drop in homeowners' costs. The increase in renters' costs reflects a 2.7 percent seasonally adjusted increase in lodging while out of town. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, this component declined 4.8 percent.) Residential rents fell 0.1 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities increased 0.1 percent. Household fuel prices rose 0.4 percent as increases in charges for gas and electricity--up 1.5 and 0.2 percent, respectively--more than offset a 1.8 percent drop in fuel oil prices. The index for other utilities and public services declined 0.2 percent. Another small decline in charges for telephone services and a 1.7 percent drop in cable television charges more than offset increases in the indexes for water and sewerage maintenance and refuse collection. The index for household furnishings and operations was unchanged in September.

The transportation component, which declined 0.1 percent in August, was unchanged in September. Declines in the indexes for motor fuels, automobile finance charges, and public transportation offset increases in the indexes for new vehicles and used cars. The index for gasoline declined for the second consecutive month, down 0.7 percent in September. As of last month, gasoline prices were 15.1 percent below their peak level of November 1990. New car purchase costs were essentially unchanged as a 2.2 percent drop in automobile finance charges offset a 0.4 percent increase in the new car index. Used car prices continued to advance sharply, increasing 1.1 percent in September. The index for public transportation declined for the second consecutive month, largely as a result of a 1.2 percent drop in airline fares.

In September, the index for apparel and upkeep registered its first increase since May, advancing 0.2 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index increased 2.4 percent.) Price increases associated with the introduction of the fall-winter lines were somewhat less than in recent years. During the 2-month period ended in September 1992, clothing prices have increased 3.4 percent as compared with 5.3 percent in each of the 2 preceding years.

The medical care component rose 0.5 percent in September to a level 7.0 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities rose 0.2 percent in September. The index for medical care services advanced 0.6 percent. Within medical care services, the cost of professional services increased 0.6 percent and the cost of hospital services, 0.7 percent.

Entertainment costs rose 0.4 percent in September. A 1.6 percent advance in the index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events accounted for over three-fifths of the increase in the entertainment index.

The index for other goods and services, which rose 0.7 percent in August, increased 0.5 percent in September. Over three-fourths of the September rise was accounted for by a 1.7 percent increase in prices for tobacco and smoking products. Partially offsetting this advance were seasonally adjusted declines in education expenses. The indexes for tuition and other school fees and for school books and supplies fell 1.1 percent and 0.5 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, tuition fees rose 3.7 percent and prices for school books, 1.7 percent.)

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.1 percent in September.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Sep. '92	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. '92		
	Changes from preceding month										
	1992										
All items	.5	.2	.1	.3	.2	.4	.1	2.9	2.9		
Food and beverages	.6	.0	-.4	.1	-.1	.7	.4	4.1	1.8		
Housing	.3	.2	.1	.4	.1	.1	.1	1.5	2.6		
Apparel and upkeep	.9	-.8	.3	-.2	.0	.4	-.2	.9	1.9		
Transportation	.6	.6	.4	.6	.6	.0	.0	2.2	2.6		
Medical care	.5	.6	.4	.5	.6	.4	.5	6.3	7.1		
Entertainment	.4	.6	.0	.0	.4	.1	.3	3.2	2.1		
Other goods and services	.5	.5	1.0	.1	.4	.7	.6	7.2	6.4		
Special indexes:											
Energy	.5	.3	.7	1.9	.4	-.3	-.1	.0	2.1		
Food	.6	-.1	-.4	.1	-.1	.7	.4	4.4	1.7		
All items less food and energy	.4	.3	.3	.1	.3	.3	.1	2.8	3.3		

Consumer Price Index data for October will be released on Friday, November 13, 1992, 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designated reference date--1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details see BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 19, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2285, April 1988.

Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

#### A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

In most cases, seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1987 through 1991 were replaced at the end of 1991. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 60 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis in conjunction with X-11-ARIMA for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors in X-11-ARIMA.

For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. For some alcoholic beverage series, intervention was used to offset the effects of excise tax increases.

An alternative to the intervention-adjusted X-11-ARIMA procedure is the state space model-based seasonal adjustment method. This method adjusts simultaneously for interventions and seasonal effects, rather than sequentially as in the X-11-ARIMA methodology, using structural statistical models with explanatory variables. The state space structural model-based method of seasonal adjustment was introduced in 1992 for the adjustment of January 1991-December 1991 indexes for three Women's apparel series: Dresses, Separates and sportswear, and Suits.

A description of intervention analysis, as well as a list of events treated as interventions and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw on (202)606-6968.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1991	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1992 from Sept. 1991		Seasonally adjusted percent change from June to July		Seasonally adjusted percent change from Aug. to Sept.	
		Aug.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
All items	100.000	140.9	141.3	3.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	-
All items (1982=100)	-	422.0	423.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.827	138.8	139.3	-1.9	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Food	16.607	138.0	138.5	-1.8	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Food at home	9.721	136.9	137.4	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Cereals and bakery products	3.426	133.1	132.6	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs	3.020	130.8	130.8	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Beverages	1.824	129.7	129.7	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Fruits and vegetables	1.824	129.1	129.0	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Other food at home	1.382	129.1	129.0	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Sugar and sweets	1.244	123.8	123.7	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Fats and oils	1.260	124.5	124.9	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Nonalcoholic beverages	1.129	124.1	124.5	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Other prepared food	1.039	120.8	120.8	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Food away from home	9.085	127.0	126.9	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	1.621	127.6	126.9	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Housing	41.544	126.6	126.4	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Shelter	32.876	124.7	124.7	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Renters' costs	16.607	124.5	124.5	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Rent, residential	16.607	124.5	124.5	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Other renters' costs	1.272	124.7	124.7	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Homeowners' equivalent costs	12.937	124.8	124.8	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Owner's equivalent costs	12.937	124.8	124.8	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Household insurance	1.228	124.7	124.7	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repairs	1.228	124.7	124.7	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair services	1.125	124.7	124.7	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair commodities	1.125	124.7	124.7	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Fuel and other utilities	7.083	129.2	129.2	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Fuels	4.057	129.3	129.1	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	4.057	129.3	129.1	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.638	117.5	118.5	2.6	1.9	-1.1	-1.1	-1.7	-1.5
Other utilities and public services	2.270	124.3	124.0	-2.7	-2.7	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings and operations	4.206	129.0	129.3	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Housefurnishings	2.206	129.0	129.3	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping supplies	1.209	123.0	123.8	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping services	1.209	123.0	123.8	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Apparel and upkeep	9.977	129.2	129.2	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Apparel commodities	5.525	129.4	129.2	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Men's and boys' apparel	2.521	129.4	129.2	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Women's and girls' apparel	2.521	129.4	129.2	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	1.208	129.3	129.2	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Footwear	2.200	129.3	129.2	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Other apparel commodities	1.200	129.3	129.2	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Apparel services	1.600	129.3	129.2	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Transportation	17.003	125.9	126.8	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Private transportation	17.003	125.9	126.8	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
New vehicles	10.000	125.6	126.3	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
New cars	9.000	125.6	126.3	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Used cars	1.003	125.7	126.3	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel	3.204	120.7	120.8	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	3.204	120.7	120.8	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repairs	1.229	125.9	126.3	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Other private transportation	1.229	125.9	126.3	-0.7	-0.7	-	-	-	-
Other private transportation commodities	1.229	124.6	124.8	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Other private transportation services	1.229	124.6	124.8	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Public transportation	1.229	125.3	125.2	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Medical care	1.939	129.3	129.3	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Medical care commodities	1.939	129.3	129.3	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Medical care services	1.939	129.3	129.3	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Professional medical services	1.939	129.3	129.3	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Entertainment	8.237	125.9	125.9	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Entertainment commodities	8.237	125.9	125.9	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Entertainment services	8.237	125.9	125.9	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	8.674	127.7	127.0	-5.6	-5.7	-	-	-	-
Tobacco and smoking products	1.933	127.7	127.6	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Personal care	1.933	127.7	127.6	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	1.933	127.7	127.6	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Personal care services	1.933	127.7	127.6	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Personal and educational expenses	1.803	125.3	125.0	-2.1	-2.1	-	-	-	-
School books and supplies	1.803	125.3	125.0	-2.1	-2.1	-	-	-	-
Personal and educational services	1.803	125.3	125.0	-2.1	-2.1	-	-	-	-
Commodity and service group	100.000	140.9	141.3	3.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	-
Commodities	11.023	129.3	129.3	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	11.627	128.8	129.3	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and beverages	10.860	128.8	129.3	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food and beverages	5.535	129.3	129.8	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Apparel commodities	5.535	129.3	129.8	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food, beverages and apparel	10.863	129.3	129.8	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Durables	10.863	125.0	125.0	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Services	8.233	125.0	125.0	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Rest of shelter	8.233	125.0	125.0	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Household services less rest of shelter	8.233	125.0	125.0	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Transportation services	8.233	125.0	125.0	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Medical care services	8.233	125.0	125.0	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Other services	8.233	125.0	125.0	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Special indexes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
All items less food	12.732	125.1	125.8	-5.6	-5.6	-	-	-	-
All items less shelter	12.732	125.1	125.8	-5.6	-5.6	-	-	-	-
All items less homeowners' costs	12.732	125.1	125.8	-5.6	-5.6	-	-	-	-
All items less medical care	12.732	125.1	125.8	-5.6	-5.6	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food	12.800	125.1	125.8	-5.6	-5.6	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food	12.800	125.1	125.8	-5.6	-5.6	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.800	125.1	125.8	-5.6	-5.6	-	-	-	-
Nondurables	12.800	125.1	125.8	-5.6	-5.6	-	-	-	-
Services less rest of shelter	12.800	125.1	125.8	-5.6	-5.6	-	-	-	-
Services less medical care services	12.800	125.1	125.8	-5.6	-5.6	-	-	-	-
Energy less energy	12.261	125.1	125.9	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy	12.633	125.1	125.9	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and energy	12.633	125.1	125.9	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Energy commodities	12.633	125.1	125.9	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Services less energy services	12.633	125.1	125.9	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	12.633	125.1	125.9	-1.4	-1.4	-	-	-	-
1982=100.00	1	1	1	-2.9	-2.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3
1967=100.00	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.

Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group  
(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

## CPI-U

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes						Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	June 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1992	Sept. 1992	Dec. 1991	3 months ended- Mar. 1992	June 1992	Sept. 1992	Mar. 1992	6 months ended- Sept. 1992	
	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.1	2.6
All items .....	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.1	2.6
Food and beverages .....	135.7	135.1	139.3	139.7	137.7	3.7	3.5	1.0	0.7	3.1	2.7
Food at home .....	137.5	137.1	139.5	139.1	137.7	3.7	3.5	1.1	0.7	3.1	2.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	135.2	135.9	137.3	138.1	136.0	3.7	3.5	1.1	0.7	3.1	2.7
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs .....	131.8	131.9	130.5	132.6	130.4	3.7	3.4	1.0	0.6	3.0	2.6
Dairy products .....	130.8	130.3	130.5	132.6	130.2	3.7	3.4	1.0	0.6	3.0	2.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	127.9	128.3	129.2	129.4	127.9	3.7	3.3	2.0	1.7	3.0	2.6
Other food at home .....	129.8	128.5	128.6	130.1	129.4	3.7	3.3	2.3	1.7	3.0	2.6
Sugar and sweets .....	133.3	133.8	133.8	133.7	134.1	3.7	3.3	2.3	1.7	3.0	2.6
Fats and oils .....	130.2	129.9	129.5	129.9	130.4	3.7	3.3	2.6	1.7	3.0	2.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	135.1	134.4	134.8	134.9	135.8	3.7	3.7	1.7	1.7	3.0	2.6
Other prepared food .....	130.1	130.9	140.5	140.4	133.3	3.7	3.3	2.9	1.9	3.0	2.6
Food away from home .....	140.7	140.8	141.0	141.2	140.7	3.7	3.4	1.7	1.4	3.0	2.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	147.2	147.4	147.3	147.7	147.7	3.7	3.1	1.9	1.5	3.0	2.6
Housing .....	137.5	137.6	137.8	137.9	137.6	3.6	3.3	3.0	1.2	3.5	2.1
Shelter .....	131.1	131.1	131.4	131.4	131.1	3.6	3.4	3.0	1.2	3.5	2.1
Renter's costs .....	160.1	160.1	161.3	161.3	160.1	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.5	2.1
Rent, residential .....	148.8	148.0	147.0	146.8	148.8	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.5	2.1
Other, residential costs .....	160.1	160.1	161.3	161.3	160.1	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.5	2.1
Homeowners' costs .....	132.3	132.4	132.8	132.9	132.3	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.5	2.1
Owner's equivalent rent .....	135.6	135.7	136.0	136.0	135.6	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.5	2.1
Household insurance .....	142.0	142.6	142.9	143.1	142.0	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.5	2.1
Maintenance and repair .....	128.5	128.8	129.1	128.5	128.5	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.5	2.1
Maintenance and repair services .....	133.1	133.4	133.1	132.1	132.2	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.5	2.1
Household furnishings and operation .....	132.3	132.9	132.1	132.2	132.3	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.5	2.1
Housefurnishings .....	139.1	139.4	139.5	139.5	139.1	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.5	2.1
Housekeeping supplies .....	132.8	132.4	132.1	132.8	132.8	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.5	2.1
Housekeeping services .....	132.6	132.6	133.0	133.0	132.6	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.5	2.1
Apparel and apparel services .....	132.0	131.8	131.8	132.1	132.1	3.2	9.9	3.1	3	6.7	2.9
Apparel commodities .....	129.1	129.1	129.2	129.4	129.1	3.2	9.8	3.0	2.7	6.6	2.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	128.5	128.5	128.7	129.4	128.5	3.2	9.7	3.0	2.6	6.5	2.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	130.0	129.3	129.6	130.3	129.0	3.2	9.6	3.0	2.5	6.4	2.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	129.6	128.3	128.8	130.1	129.6	3.2	9.5	3.0	2.4	6.3	2.8
Footwear .....	135.6	135.6	128.7	128.0	135.6	3.2	9.7	3.0	2.3	6.2	2.8
Other apparel commodities .....	142.7	142.2	143.9	143.9	142.3	3.2	7.6	3.3	2.3	5.8	2.8
Apparel services .....	148.1	148.5	148.6	148.8	148.1	3.1	4.8	3.0	2.3	5.9	2.8
Transportation .....	126.7	127.0	127.2	127.2	127.2	3.9	1.0	3.2	1.6	3.5	2.4
Private transportation .....	125.4	125.9	125.9	125.9	125.4	3.9	1.0	3.0	1.7	3.5	2.4
New vehicles .....	125.4	125.7	125.7	125.7	125.4	3.9	1.0	3.0	1.9	3.5	2.4
Used cars .....	125.4	125.7	125.7	125.7	125.4	3.9	1.0	3.0	1.9	3.5	2.4
Used cars .....	125.4	125.7	125.7	125.7	125.4	3.9	1.0	3.0	1.9	3.5	2.4
Motor fuel .....	125.4	125.7	125.7	125.7	125.4	3.9	1.0	3.0	1.9	3.5	2.4
Gasoline .....	125.4	125.7	125.7	125.7	125.4	3.9	1.0	3.0	1.9	3.5	2.4
Maintenance and repairs .....	125.4	125.7	125.7	125.7	125.4	3.9	1.0	3.0	1.9	3.5	2.4
Other private transportation .....	125.4	125.7	125.7	125.7	125.4	3.9	1.0	3.0	1.9	3.5	2.4
Other private transportation commodities .....	164.6	164.6	164.6	164.8	164.6	4.3	-4	-2.3	-8	1.9	-8
Other private transportation services .....	145.1	145.3	145.7	145.6	145.6	3.1	4.8	3.0	2.3	5.8	2.8
Public transportation .....	164.1	164.7	163.1	164.7	164.7	3.7	1.7	1.7	1.0	6.7	2.7
Medical care .....	182.8	190.8	191.6	192.6	175.5	8.2	6.1	6.0	7.9	6.1	6.1
Medical care commodities .....	187.6	188.4	188.9	189.1	187.6	8.2	6.0	6.0	7.5	6.0	6.0
Medical care services .....	190.1	191.1	192.0	192.9	190.1	8.2	7.9	6.0	6.3	6.9	6.9
Professional medical services .....	175.2	174.0	176.9	177.9	181.1	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.9	5.9	5.9
Entertainment .....	142.0	142.4	142.6	142.2	142.2	-1.3	3.8	2.3	3.4	1.4	2.9
Entertainment commodities .....	131.1	131.9	132.6	132.7	131.7	-1.3	3.6	2.3	3.0	1.4	2.7
Entertainment services .....	131.1	131.9	132.6	132.7	131.7	-1.3	4.3	2.3	2.1	4.7	2.7
Other goods and services .....	183.2	183.9	183.2	185.2	185.2	7.0	5.3	6.4	6.7	6.1	6.5
Tobacco and smoking products .....	129.2	128.5	129.0	129.0	129.2	15.0	12.6	11.5	12.1	10.5	10.5
Personal care .....	137.8	138.8	138.9	138.6	137.8	1.3	6.8	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	135.7	137.5	137.3	137.0	135.7	1.0	8.3	-1.2	3.9	6.1	6.1
Personal care services .....	137.9	139.0	140.1	140.1	139.1	1.0	9.7	4.7	4.7	6.7	6.7
Personal and educational expenses .....	146.8	147.9	149.6	200.0	146.8	6.1	6.9	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.6
School books and supplies .....	147.2	147.2	149.2	192.2	147.2	6.1	6.9	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.6
Personal and educational services .....	147.2	148.4	200.2	200.7	147.2	6.1	6.9	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.6
Community and service group .....	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
All items .....	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Commodities .....	128.3	128.1	129.1	129.7	128.9	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Food and beverages .....	128.3	128.1	129.1	129.7	128.9	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	128.6	128.6	129.4	129.4	128.6	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	127.0	127.0	127.8	128.0	127.0	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Apparel commodities .....	129.4	129.1	129.2	129.4	129.4	1.3	10.5	2.7	2.7	1.4	1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages and apparel .....	127.2	127.6	127.3	127.6	127.2	1.3	3.8	14.9	14.9	7.8	7.8
Durables .....	128.3	128.8	129.1	129.4	128.4	1.3	2.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Services .....	125.1	125.6	125.2	125.8	125.1	2.4	6.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
Rent of shelter .....	127.1	128.0	128.5	128.0	127.1	2.4	6.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
Nonhousehold services less rent .....	125.1	125.6	125.2	125.8	125.1	2.4	6.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
Transportation services .....	129.7	130.2	130.9	131.2	129.8	2.4	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Medical care services .....	130.7	131.7	132.0	132.1	130.7	2.4	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other services .....	126.4	126.1	127.0	127.1	126.4	2.4	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Special indexes .....	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
All items less food .....	140.7	141.0	141.2	141.5	140.7	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
All items less shelter .....	137.2	137.5	137.9	142.8	137.5	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
All items less homeowners' costs .....	131.3	132.5	132.8	138.1	131.3	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
All items less medical care .....	131.3	132.5	132.8	138.1	131.3	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Commodities less food .....	124.6	124.9	124.9	125.1	124.6	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Nondurables less food .....	122.8	122.8	123.0	123.1	122.8	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Apparel commodities .....	127.8	127.8	127.9	127.9	127.8	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	120.1	120.2	120.2	120.2	120.1	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Durable .....	127.8	127.8	127.8	127.9	127.8	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Services less rent of shelter .....	127.1	128.2	128.2	128.2	127.1	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Services less medical care services .....	126.9	126.9	126.8	126.9	126.9	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Nonhousehold services less rent .....	127.1	128.2	128.2	128.2	127.1	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	3.4	2.6
Transportation services .....	127.1</td										

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index  
(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to			Percent change to		
			June 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1992	Sept. 1992	Sept. 1991	July 1992	Aug. 1992	Aug. 1991	June 1992	July 1992
U.S. city average .....	N		140.2	140.5	140.9	141.3	3.0	0.6	0.3	3.1	0.5	0.3
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban .....			147.0	147.5	148.2	148.5	3.4	.7	.2	3.7	.9	.5
Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....			147.4	147.9	148.6	149.1	3.5	.8	.3	3.9	1.0	.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....			146.3	147.4	148.1	147.6	3.6	.1	.1	3.5	1.2	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....			145.6	145.6	146.2	146.1	3.0	.1	.0	3.0	1.0	.5
North Central urban .....			136.0	136.3	136.7	137.2	2.8	.7	.4	3.9	.9	.3
Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....			137.3	137.4	137.9	138.6	2.8	.9	.5	3.8	.6	.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....			133.9	134.2	134.1	134.9	1.7	.5	.6	3.4	1.1	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....			137.5	137.8	138.2	138.6	3.9	.8	.3	3.7	.5	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....			131.0	131.6	132.4	132.1	2.6	.4	-.2	3.3	1.1	.6
South urban .....			136.7	136.8	137.0	137.3	2.6	.6	.2	3.8	.2	.3
Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....			137.2	137.5	137.3	137.5	2.3	.0	-.2	3.8	1.1	.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....			138.0	138.3	139.1	139.6	1.0	.8	.2	3.0	1.3	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....			136.2	136.0	136.0	136.5	3.1	.4	.2	3.1	1.3	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....			136.0	134.1	134.4	134.5	1.4	.3	-.1	1.6	1.3	.2
West urban .....			141.6	141.9	142.3	142.9	3.1	.7	.4	3.2	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....			143.7	143.9	144.3	144.9	3.2	.6	.3	3.3	1.2	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....			138.5	139.1	139.5	140.2	3.8	.8	.5	3.2	1.7	.3
Size classes												
A 3/			127.5	127.7	128.1	128.5	3.0	.6	.3	3.1	.5	.3
B .....			132.1	132.6	140.0	140.4	3.4	.8	.3	3.1	.6	.3
C .....			138.6	138.9	139.0	139.4	2.4	.4	.2	3.0	1.7	.3
D .....			139.0	139.3	139.9	139.4	2.4	.4	.0	3.0	1.7	.3
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....			141.2	141.4	141.9	142.7	3.2	.9	.6	3.3	.5	.6
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....			148.2	148.7	148.9	147.4	3.4	.5	.3	3.7	.5	.3
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....			144.7	144.9	150.6	151.4	3.8	1.0	.8	3.6	.9	.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....			147.5	147.3	148.0	148.3	3.0	.5	.2	3.0	.5	.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....			141.9	142.2	142.7	141.7	2.9	1.1	.7	3.6	.6	.3
Baltimore, MD .....			-	140.6	-	141.9	2.7	.9	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....			-	148.9	-	149.4	2.1	.7	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....			-	137.1	-	137.9	2.8	.6	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....			-	132.9	-	132.6	2.6	.5	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....			-	135.9	-	136.6	2.6	.5	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....			-	144.8	-	146.0	2.9	.8	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2/		136.2	-	134.4	-	-	-	-	2.5	-	-
Detroit-Ant Arbor, MI .....	2/		135.5	-	135.8	-	-	-	-	3.0	.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2/		135.9	-	136.9	-	-	-	-	2.1	1.3	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2/		135.2	-	136.9	-	-	-	-	2.1	1.3	-

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

N - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Regions are defined as the four Census regions.

2/ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

3/ Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group  
(1952=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1991	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1992 from Sept. 1991	June to July	Seasonally adjusted percent change from July to Aug. to Sept.	
		Aug. 1992	Sept. 1992			Aug. to Sept.	July to Aug.
All items (1952=100) .....	100.000	138.8	139.1	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	-	413.3	414.5	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	19.547	138.5	138.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Food at home .....	12.811	137.7	138.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Cereals and bakery products 1/ .....	2.244	138.5	138.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	4.625	152.9	152.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Dairy products 1/ .....	1.559	130.7	131.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.363	128.9	129.5	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Other food at home .....	1.735	129.0	129.0	0.0	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Sugar and sweets 1/ .....	1.187	133.5	133.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Fats and oils 1/ .....	0.298	129.3	129.8	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	0.561	124.4	124.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Other prepared food .....	1.192	140.6	140.3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Food away from home 1/ .....	0.562	140.8	141.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	0.737	147.3	147.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Housing .....	39.075	135.9	135.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Shelter .....	22.193	148.7	147.9	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Renters' costs 2/ .....	8.115	142.8	141.9	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Net residential .....	6.678	146.7	146.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Other renters' costs .....	1.437	135.2	135.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Homeowners' costs 2/ .....	9.275	142.2	142.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Owners' equivalent rent 2/ .....	6.953	142.4	142.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Household insurance 1/ 2/ .....	3.272	120.9	120.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Maintenance and repair 1/ .....	2.02	128.9	128.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Maintenance and repair services 1/ .....	1.109	136.5	136.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.093	118.7	119.0	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Fuels .....	6.149	109.8	110.7	0.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	3.383	89.6	89.6	0.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	3.766	117.0	118.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Other utilities and public services 1/ .....	3.403	143.8	143.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Household furnishings and operation 1/ .....	5.972	127.0	127.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Housefurnishings .....	3.815	107.7	107.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Housekeeping supplies 1/ .....	1.189	130.7	130.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Housekeeping services 1/ .....	1.128	136.2	135.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	6.092	129.3	129.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Apparel commodities .....	5.586	127.0	126.8	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	2.495	125.5	125.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Women's and girls' apparel .....	2.472	127.0	127.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/ .....	0.283	120.8	122.8	1.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Footwear .....	0.894	125.3	126.5	1.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Other apparel commodities 1/ .....	1.502	141.5	141.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Apparel services 1/ .....	0.246	148.5	148.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Transportation .....	18.929	126.5	126.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Private transportation .....	17.800	125.5	126.4	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
New vehicles .....	6.924	128.9	127.5	-1.1	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Used cars .....	4.040	126.9	128.2	1.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Motor fuel .....	4.068	100.9	101.8	0.9	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Gasoline .....	3.054	100.7	101.8	1.1	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Maintenance and repairs 1/ .....	3.354	142.1	142.8	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Other private transportation commodities 1/ .....	0.173	129.6	129.1	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Other private transportation services .....	0.856	104.1	104.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Public transportation 1/ .....	0.317	160.5	159.8	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Medical care .....	5.674	191.1	191.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Medical care commodities .....	5.074	189.4	188.0	-0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Medical care services .....	0.600	179.0	178.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Professional medical services .....	0.735	179.0	178.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Entertainment 1/ .....	6.027	141.1	141.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Entertainment commodities 1/ .....	5.517	156.0	157.5	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Entertainment services 1/ .....	0.510	127.0	127.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Other goods and services .....	6.553	186.2	186.7	0.3	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	0.176	221.9	224.6	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Personal care 1/ .....	0.146	138.9	138.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/ .....	0.552	137.9	137.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Personal care services 1/ .....	0.294	129.4	129.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.202	195.0	195.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
School books and supplies .....	0.291	189.4	199.1	5.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Personal and educational services .....	3.091	193.7	199.1	3.2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Commodity and service group							
All items .....	100.000	138.8	139.1	2.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4
Commodities .....	48.584	129.0	129.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Food and beverages .....	19.547	138.5	138.9	0.3	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	19.537	123.2	122.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/ .....	19.295	126.9	127.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Apparel commodities .....	5.566	127.0	129.8	2.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/ .....	11.729	129.7	130.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Durables .....	12.592	129.0	127.7	-1.0	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Services .....	9.719	120.5	121.5	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/ .....	7.541	141.5	141.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Household services less rent of shelter 2/ .....	8.756	121.3	121.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Transportation services .....	0.251	121.4	121.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Medical care services .....	4.640	192.0	192.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Other services .....	6.028	166.5	168.8	1.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Special indexes							
All items less food .....	82.189	138.9	139.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
All items less shelter .....	74.407	136.4	137.0	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
All items less homeowners' costs 2/ .....	82.725	130.9	131.1	0.2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
All items less medical care .....	94.326	136.2	136.6	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Commodities less food .....	20.674	124.1	124.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Nondurables less food 1/ .....	9.031	128.0	129.0	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/ .....	13.462	126.0	126.6	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Nondurables 1/ .....	16.522	123.7	123.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Services less rent of shelter 2/ .....	26.375	143.4	143.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Services less medical care services .....	26.176	163.0	163.7	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Energy .....	0.812	105.0	105.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
All items less energy .....	91.281	142.1	142.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
All items less food and energy .....	73.972	142.1	142.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	26.222	131.1	132.1	0.8	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Energy commodities .....	0.521	100.1	100.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Services less energy services .....	47.750	151.7	151.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar: 1982-84=\$1.00 .....	-	8.721	8.719	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
1967-81=\$1.00 .....	-	1.242	1.241	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.  
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

Note: Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group  
(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes						Seasonally adjusted annual rate				
	June 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1992	Sept. 1992	Dec. 1991	3 months ended- Mar. 1992	June 1992	Sept. 1992	Mar. 1992	Sept. 1992	
	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.8
All items .....	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.8
Food and beverages .....	137.9	137.8	138.6	139.3	139.7	-1.8	-1.2	4.1	2.2	1.5	1.5
Food .....	137.9	137.8	138.0	138.6	139.4	-1.0	-0.3	4.1	2.2	1.5	1.5
Food, not elsewhere classified .....	137.0	137.0	138.0	138.6	139.4	-0.8	-0.3	4.0	2.2	1.5	1.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	137.0	137.0	138.0	138.6	139.4	-0.7	-0.3	4.0	2.2	1.5	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	138.0	138.0	138.4	139.0	139.4	-1.0	-0.6	2.4	1.5	1.5	1.5
Dairy products .....	137.4	137.4	138.6	139.0	139.4	-1.0	-0.7	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	139.1	138.3	138.6	139.0	139.4	-0.7	-0.2	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.5
Other food at home .....	139.1	138.5	138.6	139.0	139.4	-0.7	-0.2	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.5
Sugar and sweets .....	139.1	138.5	138.6	139.0	139.4	-0.7	-0.2	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.5
Fats and oils .....	130.6	130.8	130.9	130.9	130.9	-1.6	-0.3	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	130.6	130.8	130.9	130.9	130.9	-1.6	-0.3	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7
Other prepared food .....	130.6	130.8	130.9	130.9	130.9	-1.6	-0.3	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7
Food away from home .....	130.6	130.7	130.7	130.7	130.7	-1.6	-0.3	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	147.1	147.2	147.3	147.4	147.4	-0.9	-0.9	1.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Housing .....	136.8	137.0	137.3	137.3	137.3	2.6	2.0	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Housing, not elsewhere classified .....	136.8	137.0	137.3	137.3	137.3	2.6	2.0	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Renters' costs .....	136.8	137.0	137.3	137.3	137.3	2.6	2.0	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Rents .....	136.8	137.0	137.3	137.3	137.3	2.6	2.0	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Other renters' costs .....	136.8	137.0	137.3	137.3	137.3	2.6	2.0	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Homeowners' costs .....	136.8	137.0	137.3	137.3	137.3	2.6	2.0	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Owner's equivalent rent .....	136.8	137.0	137.3	137.3	137.3	2.6	2.0	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Household insurance .....	136.8	137.0	137.3	137.3	137.3	2.6	2.0	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Maintenance and repair .....	136.8	137.0	137.3	137.3	137.3	2.6	2.0	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Maintenance and repair services .....	136.8	137.0	137.3	137.3	137.3	2.6	2.0	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	136.8	137.0	137.3	137.3	137.3	2.6	2.0	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
Fuel and other utilities .....	136.3	136.5	137.0	137.7	137.7	-0.2	0.0	0.8	1.2	5.2	5.2
Fuel .....	136.3	136.5	137.0	137.7	137.7	-0.2	0.0	0.8	1.2	5.2	5.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	91.1	92.4	93.4	92.8	7.1	-20.8	13.8	7.7	-7.9	10.7	10.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	136.3	136.5	137.0	137.7	137.7	-0.2	0.0	0.8	1.2	5.2	5.2
Other utility and public services .....	136.3	136.5	137.0	137.7	137.7	-0.2	0.0	0.8	1.2	5.2	5.2
Household furnishings and operation .....	130.2	130.2	130.7	130.7	130.7	-1.4	-0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Housefurnishings .....	130.2	130.2	130.7	130.7	130.7	-1.4	-0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Housefurnishings, supplies .....	130.2	130.2	130.7	130.7	130.7	-1.4	-0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Housekeeping services .....	130.2	130.2	130.7	130.7	130.7	-1.4	-0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Apparel and apparel services .....	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	-1.0	-0.7	0.7	4.9	4.9	4.9
Apparel commodities .....	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	-1.0	-0.7	0.7	4.9	4.9	4.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	-1.0	-0.7	0.7	4.9	4.9	4.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	-1.0	-0.7	0.7	4.9	4.9	4.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	-1.0	-0.7	0.7	4.9	4.9	4.9
Footwear .....	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	-1.0	-0.7	0.7	4.9	4.9	4.9
Other apparel commodities .....	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	-1.0	-0.7	0.7	4.9	4.9	4.9
Apparel services .....	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	130.6	-1.0	-0.7	0.7	4.9	4.9	4.9
Transportation .....	136.0	136.7	136.7	136.7	136.7	-1.3	7.0	2.2	5.8	5.8	5.8
Private transportation .....	136.0	136.7	136.7	136.7	136.7	-1.3	7.0	2.2	5.8	5.8	5.8
New vehicles .....	136.0	136.7	136.7	136.7	136.7	-1.3	7.0	2.2	5.8	5.8	5.8
New cars .....	136.0	136.7	136.7	136.7	136.7	-1.3	7.0	2.2	5.8	5.8	5.8
Used cars .....	136.0	136.7	136.7	136.7	136.7	-1.3	7.0	2.2	5.8	5.8	5.8
Motor fuel .....	136.0	136.7	136.7	136.7	136.7	-1.3	7.0	2.2	5.8	5.8	5.8
Gasoline .....	136.0	136.7	136.7	136.7	136.7	-1.3	7.0	2.2	5.8	5.8	5.8
Maintenance and repairs .....	136.0	136.7	136.7	136.7	136.7	-1.3	7.0	2.2	5.8	5.8	5.8
Other private transportation commodities .....	136.0	136.7	136.7	136.7	136.7	-1.3	7.0	2.2	5.8	5.8	5.8
Other private transportation services .....	136.0	136.7	136.7	136.7	136.7	-1.3	7.0	2.2	5.8	5.8	5.8
Public transportation .....	130.2	131.3	132.0	132.0	132.0	-1.3	11.3	-2.0	2.2	9.4	9.4
Medical care .....	137.2	137.3	137.1	137.1	137.1	7.8	8.4	6.1	6.3	8.1	6.2
Medical care commodities .....	137.2	137.3	137.1	137.1	137.1	7.8	8.4	6.1	6.3	8.1	6.2
Medical care services .....	137.2	137.3	137.1	137.1	137.1	7.8	8.4	6.1	6.3	8.1	6.2
Professional medical services .....	137.2	137.3	137.1	137.1	137.1	7.8	8.4	6.1	6.3	8.1	6.2
Entertainment .....	130.2	131.0	131.0	131.0	131.0	-1.3	8.8	3.2	1.4	2.7	2.7
Entertainment commodities .....	130.2	131.0	131.0	131.0	131.0	-1.3	8.8	3.2	1.4	2.7	2.7
Entertainment services .....	130.2	131.0	131.0	131.0	131.0	-1.3	8.8	3.2	1.4	2.7	2.7
Other goods and services .....	130.2	130.7	132.7	132.0	132.0	-1.3	1.3	0.0	7.3	6.0	6.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	130.2	130.7	132.7	132.0	132.0	-1.3	1.3	0.0	7.3	6.0	6.0
Personal care .....	130.2	130.7	132.7	132.0	132.0	-1.3	1.3	0.0	7.3	6.0	6.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	130.2	130.7	132.7	132.0	132.0	-1.3	1.3	0.0	7.3	6.0	6.0
Personal care services .....	130.2	130.7	132.7	132.0	132.0	-1.3	1.3	0.0	7.3	6.0	6.0
Personal and educational expenses .....	130.2	130.7	132.7	132.0	132.0	-1.3	1.3	0.0	7.3	6.0	6.0
School books and supplies .....	130.2	130.7	132.7	132.0	132.0	-1.3	1.3	0.0	7.3	6.0	6.0
Personal and educational services .....	130.2	130.7	132.7	132.0	132.0	-1.3	1.3	0.0	7.3	6.0	6.0
Commodity and service group .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All items .....	130.7	130.9	130.7	130.9	130.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Commodities .....	130.7	130.9	130.7	130.9	130.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Food and beverages .....	130.7	130.9	130.7	130.9	130.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.7	130.9	130.7	130.9	130.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Nondurables .....	130.7	130.9	130.7	130.9	130.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Apparel commodities .....	130.7	130.9	130.7	130.9	130.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	130.7	130.9	130.7	130.9	130.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Durables .....	130.7	130.9	130.7	130.9	130.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Services .....	130.7	130.9	130.7	130.9	130.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Rents of dwellings .....	130.7	130.9	130.7	130.9	130.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Household services less rents of dwellings .....	130.7	130.9	130.7	130.9	130.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Other services .....	130.7	130.9	130.7	130.9	130.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Special indexes .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All items less food .....	130.0	130.3	130.6	130.8	130.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1
All items less shelter .....	130.0	130.3	130.6	130.8	130.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1
All items less homeowners' costs .....	130.0	130.3	130.6	130.8	130.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1
All items less medical care .....	130.0	130.3	130.6	130.8	130.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1
Commodities less food .....	130.0	130.3	130.6	130.8	130.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1
Nondurables less food .....	130.0	130.3	130.6	130.8	130.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	130.0	130.3	130.6	130.8	130.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	130.0	130.3	130.6	130.8	130.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1
Services less rent of dwellings .....	130.0	130.3	130.6	130.8	130.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1
Services less medical care services .....	130.0	130.3	130.6	130.8							

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index  
(1962-64=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Sept. 1992 from Sept. 1991			Percent change to Aug. 1992 from Aug. 1991		
			June 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1992	Sept. 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1992	June 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1992	June 1992
U.S. city average .....	W	W	106.1	108.4	108.8	109.1	2.9	0.5	0.2	3.1	0.5	0.3
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban .....			145.0	145.4	146.1	146.4	0.3	0.2	0.7	101.5	101.8	1.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....			146.5	146.9	147.5	147.4	0.4	0.3	0.8	101.7	101.7	1.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....			146.9	147.5	147.2	147.8	0.4	0.4	0.5	101.6	101.7	1.5
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....			147.4	147.2	147.8	147.9	0.3	0.8	0.5	101.5	101.5	1.5
North Central urban .....			133.5	133.7	134.1	134.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	101.9	101.4	3.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....			134.0	134.1	134.5	135.0	0.3	0.7	0.8	101.9	101.9	3.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....			134.3	134.2	134.7	135.0	0.3	0.7	0.7	101.7	101.7	3.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....			134.6	135.9	136.1	136.0	0.3	0.7	0.5	101.7	101.7	3.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....			130.6	131.1	131.9	131.5	2.6	1.3	1.3	101.1	101.0	1.9
South urban .....			135.5	135.7	135.9	136.1	0.6	0.6	1.2	101.9	101.9	1.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....			135.9	136.2	136.1	136.1	0.3	0.5	1.6	101.9	101.9	1.0
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....			135.8	135.9	135.9	136.1	0.3	0.6	1.6	101.9	101.9	1.0
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....			136.2	136.2	136.2	136.7	0.3	0.6	1.6	101.7	101.7	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....			134.2	134.5	134.8	135.0	1.5	1.6	1.1	101.4	101.4	1.2
West urban .....			139.5	139.7	140.1	140.8	0.6	0.6	1.6	101.6	101.6	1.3
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....			140.1	140.1	140.6	141.6	0.6	0.6	1.6	101.6	101.6	1.3
Size C - 50,000 to 100,000 .....			137.0	137.6	138.1	138.7	0.5	0.6	1.6	101.8	101.8	1.6
Size classes												
A 3/			126.9	127.3	127.5	127.7	0.3	0.3	0.6	101.0	101.2	1.5
B .....			127.1	127.5	127.9	128.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	101.0	101.2	1.5
C .....			128.1	128.5	128.7	129.0	0.3	0.3	0.6	101.0	101.2	1.5
D .....			129.1	129.4	129.7	129.9	0.3	0.3	0.6	101.0	101.2	1.5
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....			134.9	137.0	137.1	137.1	2.3	1.9	0.6	101.1	101.1	1.4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Burbank, CA .....			141.8	142.2	142.1	142.1	0.3	0.3	1.4	101.8	101.8	1.4
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT			147.0	147.6	147.6	147.6	0.4	0.4	1.2	101.8	101.8	1.4
Phila.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....			147.0	147.7	147.7	147.7	0.4	0.4	1.2	101.8	101.8	1.4
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....			140.1	140.4	141.0	141.0	0.3	0.3	1.0	101.5	101.5	1.4
Baltimore, MD .....			140.2	140.2	140.2	140.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	101.8	101.8	1.4
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....			148.1	148.2	148.3	148.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	101.8	101.8	1.4
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....			139.5	139.5	139.5	139.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	101.8	101.8	1.4
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....			142.0	142.0	142.0	142.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	101.8	101.8	1.4
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....			137.5	137.5	137.5	137.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	101.8	101.8	1.4
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....			139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	101.8	101.8	1.4
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....			133.0	133.0	133.0	133.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	101.8	101.8	1.4
Betroit-Ag. Arbor, MI .....			132.0	132.0	132.0	132.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	101.8	101.8	1.4
Boston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....			139.0	139.0	139.0	139.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	101.8	101.8	1.4
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....			139.0	139.0	139.0	139.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	101.8	101.8	1.4

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

W - Every month.

J - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

F - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.

3/ Indexes on a December 1966=100 base.

NOTE: Data not available.

Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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